SUBJECT No. 450.

Munsiff's Court at Dodballapur.

Messrs. Shroff Puttanna Chetty, Rumale Rudrappa, and Kolur Ramappa, Dodballapur Taluk; Tubigere Chendrasekharappa, Dodballapur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Since the removal of the Munsiff's Court from Dodballapur to Chikballapur, we have been asking for one in the former place. We hear that an Additional Munsiff's Court has been ordered to be opened at Chikballapur, where there is not a suitable building for its location. There is a pukka building here for the Court. Its location here will be a great convenience to the people of the Dodballapur, Devanhalli and Goribidnur Taluks. It is requested that the Additional Munsiff's Court recently sanctioned may be located here, at least temporarily. This arrangement will cause no loss to Government. There will be work enough for both Courts. The revenue is also likely to increase. At present great inconvenience is felt in having to go to Chikballapur.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. The present arrangement will be tried for some time longer.

SUBJECT No. 451.

Repair of house-taps by house-holders.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The arrangement by which house-taps are repaired by Government, the necessary parts being supplied from the Water Works Department, is costly and a source of trouble to private persons. These may therefore be allowed to purchase the required parts in the open market and effect their own repairs.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules are under revision.

SUBJECT No. 452.

Water-gauges.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of measuring the quantity of water supplied to private houses by gauges exists nowhere else. Water is the essential of life and every one uses only as much water as is required for his purposes. In the absence of any restriction as to the number of persons that should live in a house, the system of measuring the water-supply is harmful. Besides it is not known on what basis the allowance of 3,000 gallons per house has been calculated. The present income from such taxation on excess of supply is not enough to meet the establishment charges which it entails. Besides, to avoid taxes, people resort to public taps for excess of water and adopt other tactics. Hence the gauge system may be abolished in general and gauges retained only in public hotels, garden-houses, and such other places, where there is a likelihood of misusing water.

Reply of Government.—The meter system cannot be abolished.

SUBJECT No. 453.

Register of births and deaths.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rule requiring that the owner of a house should in person give intimation of births and deaths occurring in his house within 24 hours, is an unnecessary hardship. In the case of births the week's time may be extended to two months and the householder may be held responsible. But in the case of

deaths, females and others who never leave their houses find it a great hardship to give the required information. Printed forms may be supplied to watchmen of burning ghats and burial grounds and the same got filled up and sent to the Registrars direct, as is done in Mysore. The same was proposed by the Municipal Council of Bangalore and submitted to Government for sanction. But nothing has been done hitherto.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules require no change.

SUBJECT No. 454.

The Bangalore-Magadi road.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—High ascents and slopes on the Magadi road are a source of perpetual danger to the people and hardship to dumb animals. The restoration of this road to easy grades, though urged repeatedly has not yet been taken on hand for want of sufficient funds. The case may be treated as a special one and the necessary cost sanctioned by Government.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered if a representation is received from the District Board.

SUBJECT No. 455.

A tramway line for Bangalore City.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The City of Bangalore is increasing day by day both in area and traffic. The difficulty of locomotion in the case of those living in the extensions may be avoided by the opening of a tramway line by Government. The cost will not be much owing to electric power being available in the city.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 456.

Transfer of Government offices to Mysore.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The proposal to transfer some of the public offices from Bangalore to Mysore will not only entail great loss on poor officials whom Government have encouraged to build houses in extensions by giving advances, but will also be a source of difficulty to parties who have to frequent revenue courts on business. Bangalore occupies a central position and is convenient for all these purposes. At least the Revenue Commissioner's office, and the Excise and Muzrai offices may be retained in Bangalore.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 457.

A Munsiff's Court either at Closepet or Nelamangala.

Mr. Karibhama Narasimha Chetty Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As before, a Munsiff's Court may be opened either at Closepet or Nelamangala and the people saved from unnecessary worry and expense.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 458.

Water-supply to Channapatna Town.

Mr. Ramabhadra Chetty, Channapatna Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Channapatna which has a population of 13,000 inhabitants is subjected to great hardship for want of drinking water. The project of Kudinirkatte may therefore be taken up at once.

Reply of Government.—The project is too expensive.